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### **About the Front Cover**

As a bird leaps into space to begin flight, we are mindful of the leap of faith demanded of us in our journey with the Lord

Give unto the Lord the glory due His name: bring an offering and come before Him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (I Chronicles 16:29, KJV)

# Fort Wayne Bible College Missions Statement

Fort Wayne Bible College exists for the purpose of helping its students acquire a functional knowledge of the Bible as a basis for personal growth in understanding of and relationship to God, self, other persons and the external world, and also the message to be communicated through witness and ministry.

It endeavors to help its students acquire a foundational knowledge of the humanities and the natural and social sciences as the basis for a continuing encounter with the world and also the development of a Christian world view.

It endeavors to help its students acquire basic skills and tools for vocational and lay ministries in the fulfilling of the world mission of the church.

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# **ACCREDITATION**

# FWBC To Seek Accreditation From North Central Association



ACCREDITATION TASK FORCE - (I to r) Dick Baxter, chairman, Eunice Conrad, Ted Nickel, Dr. Bostrom, Robert Hughes

A year-long effort has begun to secure accreditation for Fort Wayne Bible College from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. College president, Dr. Harvey Bostrom, was notified in mid-January by the regional accrediting body that FWBC had been authorized to begin the process leading to accreditation. If successful, accreditation would occur in March, 1983 and would mean that Fort Wayne Bible College would be only the second Bible College under North Central's jurisdiction ever accredited by the association.

Immediately following notification by NCA, Dr. Bostrom appointed an Accreditation Task Force to initiate and coordinate the many procedures necessary to complete the accreditation process. Elsewhere in PULSE/LIFELINES, Dr. Bostrom devotes his "From the President's Desk" to this subject.

### A Third Party Analysis

What is accreditation? Basically, it denotes that there has been a third party examination and evaluation, usually by peers, and a determination made as to the quality of educational programs at the institution being examined. Educational accreditation in the United States is unique: it is voluntary and nongovernmental.

There are two basic types of educational accreditation: "institutional" and "specialized" or "programmatic." FWBC will

undergo an "institutional" evaluation which seeks to determine if each of our parts is contributing to the achievement of the college's objectives. The evaluation will include within its scope items ranging from the strength and qualifications of the faculty to the quality of the library holdings to the financial stability of the college. In other words, the total configuration of Fort Wayne Bible College will undergo scrutiny.

Goals of Accreditation

Historically, and even to the present day, accreditation has overall goals of:

- Developing criteria and guidelines for assessing educational effectiveness.
- Encouraging and improvement in educational institutions through continuous self-study and planning.
- Assuring the educational community, the general public and other agencies or organizations that an institution or a program has both clearly defined and appropriate objectives.

For its part, undergoing the accreditation process can be an invaluable learning experience for Fort Wayne Bible College. A major element of the process is a self-study and self-evaluation procedure that forces the college to look inward and to ask some obvious and pointed questions about itself. What is it that we do? Why do we do it? How well do we do it?

Within the next few months, the Accreditation Task Force will be seeking answers to those questions and others. The answers will go a long way in determining the effectiveness of its ministry and the continuing pursuit of academic excellence.

# Howard To Speak At Missions Chair Event



Dr. David Howard

Dr. David Howard, General Secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship, and a renowned author on world missions, will be the featured speaker at this year's Clyde Taylor Chair of World Missions observance, April 22-23, at FWBC.

Dr. Howard is a former missionary, having served for 15 years in Columbia and Costa Rica and, in 1980, served as Director of the Consultation on World Evangelism held in Thailand. He is a graduate of Wheaton College and has honorary degrees from Geneva College and Taylor University.

ALUMNI BANQUET MAY 7

### "A Misfortune Turned Into a Fortune"

Sunday, January 10, was not one of your typical Sundays for the Fort Wayne, IN area. With snow, ice, and a wind chill factor of -60°, church services were cancelled and man and beast were strongly urged to seek shelter and warmth. Yes, the day was an unusual one, but for Scott and Julie Raymond, '81 FWBC graduates, this Lord's Day was even more unusual than for others. In fact, it proved to be a day they will never forget!

### Not a Drill

During their Sunday lunch the Raymonds were informed there was a fire in their building. Thinking it only to be a drill, they went outside taking nothing with them. Once out in the freezing cold, they realized, to their horror, it was more than an exercise. A fire had actually broken out and soon completely destroyed the apartment complex. The cruel and ruthless fire consumed all their belongings except for the clothes they were wearing and two cars which were in badly need of repair.

The ultimate question . . . What do we do

The divine answer... "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19). The next two weeks demonstrated how faithful God truly is to His promises. The next two weeks for the Raymonds were characterized by prayer, answer to prayer, love, and unselfish giving.

### The BC Family

As was mentioned earlier, the Raymonds were former Fort Wayne Bible College students and when word reached the college about the tragedy the immediate response was to help. At once the college family rallied together... the prayers began going up and the blessings began coming down!

Although material goods and finances are limited for the college students, BC students gave what they could. The faculty and staff joined in the group effort. Gifts from furniture to clothes to books were donated. Several love offerings enabled the college to give Scott and Julie over \$1,700. Just at one of the college's basketball games \$907 was given.

FWBC's Dean of Men, Dennis Williams, worked very closely with Scott when he served as Resident Advisor on campus. Mr. Williams organized a contribution center on campus and was thrilled by the response. "The students gave more than they really could! They donated clothes that were practically new and gave money they could have personally used. They were fantastic... they were unselfish in their giving!"

David and Karol Hughes, close friends of the Raymonds, opened their home to Scott and Julie and provided the precious friendship that is so vital during such trials.

The whole campus worked together as a unit to help. Scott and Julie's response: "As we went through college we continually heard the term 'The BC Family.' No longer is that a trite expression to us for we have expe-

rienced the love and care of a true family."

Area churches also reached out to the young couple. Many gave love offerings and household goods. One church even gave them a second wedding shower since all of their gifts from their May 30, 1981 wedding were destroyed.

While God was meeting the Raymonds' immediate needs He was also preparing for their future. Scott and Julie had recently made plans to move to Corapois, PA in the summer and begin teaching at an accelerated school in August. Because of the fire their plans were advanced.



Julie and Scott Raymond

### The Future

A few days after the fire Scott was asked to work until teaching time in August at the Grace Brethren Church of Corapois where Scott's older brother is pastor. So just two and half weeks after the fire, Scott and Julie left Fort Wayne in two fully repaired and loaded cars to their new home which has been completely furnished with all the trimmings by the church congregation . . . a congregation that had never even met Scott and Julie until their arrival!

Scott sums up his reaction to the fire and the breathtaking aftermath. "It's truly a misfortune turned into a fortune. We have been given so much support that we do not feel really tried. We have even been informed the apartment owner's insurance will cover 100% of our loss! This is a miracle in itself since we did not have any insurance coverage of our own! But, what adds to the excitement is the witness this whole situation has had. The Christian unity and bond that we have with fellow believers has been evident and a testimony throughout this time. God has been so gracious!"

"He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion."
Psalm 111:4 (KJV)



Dr. Abe Van Der Puy

# Missions Broadcaster To Be FWBC Commencement Speaker

Dr. Abe C. Van Der Puy, chairman of the board of World Radio Missionary Fellowship and involved for more than 30 years in radio, television, and Bible ministry, will deliver the main address at the 74th annual Commencement of Fort Wayne Bible College, Saturday, May 8. Dr. Van Der Puy also serves as Voice of Missions on the "Back to the Bible" radio programs heard nationally and on Radio Station WBCL Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.

He has served with WRMF since 1945, becoming its president in 1962, and, this past January, chairman of the board. The World Radio Missionary Fellowship operates Radio Station HCJB, "The Voice of the Andes", in Quito, Ecuador, where the station transmits shortwave broadcasts in 14 languages. WRMF also operates local stations in Quito and Guayaquil and a television production center.

Dr. Van Der Puy is a native of Sheboygan, Wisconsin and a 1941 graduate of Wheaton College. He served as president of National Religious Broadcasters from 1972-1979 and, in 1979, began his "Back to the Bible" broadcasts.

He is married to the former Marjorie Saint, widow of Nate Saint, killed by the Auca Indians in January, 1956. Dr. Van Der Puy's first wife, Delores, died in December, 1965.

The commencement ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. in Founders Memorial Auditorium.

# Alumni Banquet Set For May 7

The annual gathering of the Fort Wayne Bible College alumni is scheduled for May 7, the eve of the college's 74th Commencement.

This year's banquet will center around the theme "Worship Through Service." The theme is in keeping with the students' theme song, "Worship the Lord," and theme verse, "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness." (I Chron. 16:29)

This special event will begin with a Fellowship Hour at 5:00 p.m. with the traditional Banquet beginning at 6:00 p.m. Classes through 1965 will eat in the college cafeteria while classes from 1966 to 1982

will dine in the Fellowship Hall at the First Missionary Church.

A program especially designed for the entertainment and enjoyment of the alumni will take place at 8:00 p.m. in Founders Auditorium. The evening will include talents from the senior class and musical presentations by both the FWBC Band and Chorale. Also during this time, Howard Dunlap, Director of Alumni/Church Relations, will present awards to outstanding seniors and President Bostrom will give a college update.

Reservation deadline for the Alumni Banquet is May 5, so register today for a great time of fellowship. If there are any questions contact the FWBC Alumni Office

Note also that WBCL's broadcasting on May 8, the day of Commencement, will be underwritten by the FWBC Alumni Association.

### **Professor Profile**



Dr. Alice Joy Weddle

Associate Professor of Teacher Education

Birthdate: December 13, 1940

Salvation: 1945

Favorite Biblical Books: Psalms &

Philippians

**Favorite Scripture:** Galatians 5:22, 23 **Schools:** Fort Wayne Bible College

Indiana University Ball State University

Favorite Subject in College: Research in

Reading

Joined FWBC Faculty: September 1971 Favorite Subject to Teach: Corrective

Reading

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Kind of Music: Choral or

Instrumental

Favorite Time of the Year: Autumn

Favorite Vacation Spot: At the cottage on

Adams Lake

Hobbies: Interior Decorating

Reading

**Latest Accomplishment:** Completion of doctoral dissertation & achieving doctorate

**Personal Words of Wisdom:** "We risk nothing when we trust God. He sees the sparrow fall."

ALUMNI BANQUET MAY 7

### HIS Company To Tour This Summer



Visiting the Midwest, North Central States, and the Far West this summer will be HIS Company, FWBC's Christian Drama group. They will be appearing before churches, and at church camps. There are still a few openings in their itinerary. Standing, (I to r) Mark Vincent, Ft. Wayne, IN., freshman, Miss Sonja Strahm, director, and Neil Herrberg, Ft. Wayne, junior. Sitting, (I to r) Duane Mabee, Ft. Wayne, junior, Cathy Smidtz, Ft. Wayne, soph, and Cindy Nantz, Elkhart, IN, soph.

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Dr. Harvey Bostrom

# President's Perspective

Dear Alumni:

I want to share with you a piece of very good news! We have been authorized by the North Central Regional Accrediting Office to request their accreditation for our programs here at Fort Wayne Bible College.

Therefore, I have set this as a very high institutional priority. An on-campus committee composed of Mr. Dick Baxter, Chairman, Dr. Robert Hughes, Dr. Ted Nickel, and Miss Eunice Conrad will coordinate the process.

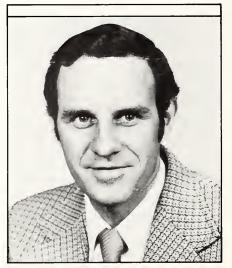
The core of the project consists of a detailed self-study of all aspects of the college on a department by department basis: academics, library, student services, development, public relations, radio station, and correspondence studies. We must outline and evaluate our procedures and policies, indicating our strengths and weaknesses and plans to improve and strengthen where necessary. A key element is to validate the effectiveness of the program.

The self-study will be submitted to the commission who will appoint a team of examiners (chosen from the ranks of appropriate professors and administrators of other colleges) to come to our campus for a personal evaluation. Their recommendation goes to the full commission at their annual meeting for appropriate action. Our time table is to complete the rough draft of the self-study by May 1982, finalize it by September 1 and then submit it to the commission. The examining team will visit us in the Fall and, in due course, report to the commission who will take definitive action in March of 1983. So, if all goes well (and we expect it to), a year from now we will be much stronger than

we are at this point. The strength will show itself in our recruitment position and in our fundraising efforts with large corporations and foundations. Our students will have freedom to transfer credits and to pursue graduate studies without the hassle they now experience.

The strength of our Bible College commitment has already been validated through our accreditation by the American Association of Bible Colleges. The North Central accreditation will further attest to the quality of education that takes place on our campus. All of these efforts are done within the context of an unreserved commitment to excellence and spiritual vitality as well as in our academic responsibilities.

We covet your prayers as we undergo the accreditation process over the next several



William D. Gerig

### Correspondence **Director Named**

Mr. William Gerig has been named Director of Correspondence Studies at FWBC, effective March 1, 1982. He will be replacing Miss Donna Lutton who has served in the Correspondence Department for twelve years, and as director since 1980. Miss Lutton will retire on July 30 after 25 years of faithful service at Fort Wayne Bible College.

Before accepting the position, Mr. Gerig was the Assistant Director of Overseas Missions with The Missionary Church since July 1, 1977. He and his family also were missionaries in Sierra Leone for 12 years. He is noted for his part in the development of the Theological Education by Extension

As Director of Correspondence Studies, Mr. Gerig will be responsible and oversee the operation of FWBC's "at home" college program. Over 2,400 students are now involved in the correspondence studies.

# News In The Brief

### BC STUDENT TO TRAVEL WITH CON TINENTAL MINISTRIES

Brad Byerly, a junior at Fort Wayne Bible College and a native of Decatur, IN, has been selected as a member for the worldwide ministry of the Continental Singers and Orchestra for the summer of 1982. Sixteen different groups are sent out by Continental Ministries each summer. Each tour group spends approximately seven weeks ministering in the U.S. and three weeks overseas. Brad's foreign itinerary will include travel in Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, and Yugoslavia.

During his time at FWBC, Brad has been a member of the College Chorale and is currently a member of the Christian service group "Jubilate."

### AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

Fort Wayne Bible College has two automobiles available for sale . . . an Omega '81 and a Cutlass '82. Both cars have less than 20,000 miles on them and are to be sold at a substantial discount. The vehicles have been used by college personnel for travel for FWBC business. Interested individuals may contact Pat Patterson in the FWBC Business Affairs Office for further details.

### SMF LETS IT GROWL

The FWBC Student Missionary Fellowship literally "let it growl" during its fast on January 8 and 9. The student organization staged the fast to raise money to give to "World Relief," to identify with the hungry of the world, and to study what God's Word has to say about fasting and helping the poor. The SMF group raised over \$600 while obtaining a new understanding of the word "hunger."

### **Memorial Gifts** To FWBC

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Victor F. Kuhn

Mrs. Mildred H. Kuhn (con't, on back cover)



Keith Vincent Vice President for Development

# \$teward\$hip — God and You

It has been my privilege the last two years to work closely with many friends of Fort Wayne Bible College in helping plan their estates. I have had the opportunity to participate in Estate Seminars and work with many of you in the planning of your estates and other financial matters. God has used you in this ministry to teach me many things about stewardship and the value of giving.

### How Responsible Are We?

One of the thoughts around which we have had much discussion is the responsibility of stewardship — the planning of one's financial affairs. The Scripture teaches that we are not really owners but stewards and caretakers of what He has entrusted to us. Have you ever thought

about how God will hold you responsible for the planning of your affairs? This is an important thought in light of Christ's teaching on the parable of the talents. These questions are very personal and complex. They can only be answered between you and God.

What steps have you taken to discover God's plan for your estate? This type of counsel is usually not available through the Estate Planning Professionals nor is it their concern. These are some of the areas where the College Development Office can help you. We have a planning service that can help you think through some of these important questions.

### The Government Sanctions Giving

In addition to the Scriptural teaching on Stewardship we are fortunate to have a government which recognizes the importance of Charitable Giving and has passed laws which encourage giving both from income and capital. Because of these laws, and with proper planning, many times you can not only adequately provide for your family and loved ones but you can also make a significant contribution to the Lord's work.

In future issues I will be illustrating and giving you information about some of these ideas. But, do not delay in doing your planning.

Many of you do not yet have a will nor have you made any effort to determine God's plan for your estate. Others of you should review your plans because of a change in family situations or interest and because of the tax reform act. As a part of our ministry, those of us in the Development Office would be glad to assist you if we can and there is no charge for our services. If you would like more information or have interest in our ministry to you, please use the coupon below to contact us or feel free to call our office at (219) 456-2111.

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THE BLOSSERS: (from left to right) Mark, Debbie, Helen holding Rhonda, John, Rose Ellen, and Dan.

# Serving the Lord: A Family Affair

The following article by John Blosser recently appeared in Trans World Radio's monthly news magazine. With TWR's permission we reprint this article for the benefit of our readers. John Blosser, along with several members of his family, are graduates of Fort Wayne Bible College and work as a team at TWR in getting the Gospel proclaimed across the radio airwaves around the world.

By: John H. Blosser

"God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." We re-learned this lesson during the process of joining Trans World Radio!

After serving as missionaries to India for 30 years, our application for a return visa to India was refused, and we questioned, "Why?" The Indian church had given us a unanimous vote to return to the Bengal Bible Institute in West Bengal, where we trained young Christians for leadership in the church. We knew the language, loved the people, and had a burden for reaching the lost of West Bengal for Christ. But the door suddenly closed. Why?

The answer came quickly. God closed one door only to open a far more effective one. Here is how He did it.

In November, 1977, a few weeks after our visa was refused, I was privileged to accompany our eldest son, Daniel Lee, to Trans World Radio's headquarters in Chatham. Dan was a new TWR missionary and was making his last trip to headquarters before leaving for Guam. At first, I was just an onlooker, meeting the team of workers and seeing how the busy TWR headquar-

ters functions. However, this all changed when, toward the end of the day, I was questioned about our future plans. When Trans World Radio found out about our visa problem, they approached me about the possibility of serving with them in Bangladesh. I could still work with the Bengali people and minister in the Indian language as we had done for so many years.

As we planned our future ministry with TWR, we learned that Bangladesh was also closed for the present. It was then suggested that we serve in Sri Lanka until Bangladesh opened. So we joined the TWR team in Sri Lanka — a team dedicated to reaching India for Christ through the means of radio. We felt God's definite leading . . and soon we were on our way to Sri Lanka.

But our joining Trans World Radio is just part of the story. God has blessed us with three boys and one girl — all born in India. Their lives in India were so full of happy and meaningful experience that all four children deeply desired to return there . . . even after they had finished school in India and returned to the USA.

Our two oldest sons, Dan and Mark, pursued their interest in Christian radio, and visited Trans World Radio's headquarters in Chatham. During their visit, Dr. Freed told them about TWR's great need for more workers at six different transmitter locations around the world. Both of them had prepared in college for this type of work and dreamed of some day being involved in such a ministry. Since they were both born and raised in India, they had seen firsthand how missionaries toiled for years to get the good news of salvation to

the people. They realized that it was almost impossible to reach the people of India by direct contact. Our whole family had often wondered, "Isn't there a better way?"

After their visit to Trans World Radio, Dan and Mark were greatly challenged by its ministry. Dan soon joined the team. Mark felt the need for further Bible study before service abroad, but kept the challenge and vision in his heart. As soon as he completed his studies at Fort Wayne Bible College, he and his wife, Debbie, joined TWR and were assigned to Guam. In March, 1978 Dan transferred from Guam to Hong Kong, and found his life companion, Rose Ellen Chancey. Dan and Rose Ellen have since been reassigned to Guam.

Now we are all a team, getting out the message of salvation across the radio airwaves. Dan is a board operator and Mark is an electrician, both on Guam. Rose Ellen is an announcer at KTWG, TWR's medium wave (AM) station on Guam. Before the birth of their baby daughter, Rhonda, Debbie did secretarial work in the shortwave studio. She still helps in the mail department. I am serving as the Field Treasurer in Sri Lanka with the able help of my wife, Helen.

We are fully persuaded that the Lord's return is very near, and what we do to reach the multitudes for Christ must be done quickly and effectively. It is a privilege to participate in this great team effort to reach the world with the glad tidings that Jesus is ready and waiting to meet the needs of every heart. We are dedicated to the task of lifting up Jesus who said, "I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto Me" (John 12:32). We must not be still, silent, or satisfied until every creature has heard the Gospel message of salvation and redemption.

# Staley Lecture Series Well Received



Dr. Harvey Bostrom introduces Mr. and Mrs. Eims during opening Chapel.

The annual Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series was presented at FWBC on January 21-22, featuring LeRoy Eims, assistant to the president of Navigators. Mr. Eims, along with his wife, Virginia, spoke to students in Chapel as well as privately, and to pastors at a special luncheon. Specially invited guests for the series this year were a number of high school junior and senior students. The theme of the series was "Disciples in Action."

# Steiner Is New Governing Board Chairman



Paul A. Steiner

Paul A. Steiner, president and board chairman of Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, has been elected as chairman of Fort Wayne Bible College's governing board. He succeeds past chairman, Dale O. Ferrier, who will continue to be active on the executive committee.

A graduate of Taylor University, Upland, IN, Mr. Steiner was elected to the three year term post during the governing board's meeting held in November 1981.

As chairman of the governing board, Mr. Steiner will work directly with Bible College

president, Dr. Harvey R. Bostrom, on the development and implementation of special projects along with overseeing the procedures of the quarterly meetings.

Mr. Steiner received his CPCU designation in 1972 and has been involved with Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company since 1964.

He is treasurer of the National Association of Evangelicals, secretary of World Evangelical Fellowship (U.S.A. board), and is a member of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society.

## **WBCL Sharathon Exceeds Goal**



WBCL General Manager, Jim Schweickart, converses on-the-air with SHARATHON co-host, Wayne Pederson.

WBCL, the 50,000 watt voice of Fort Wayne Bible College, held its sixth annual SHARATHON, January 12, 13 and 14. Over \$238,000 was received through telephone pledges and by mail. The goal of \$215,000 was reached at 3:40 p.m. on the third day of the three-day marathon broadcast. Over 4100 donors contributed during the SHARATHON.

Joining the WBCL staff in anchoring the event was Wayne Pederson, who hosts "Footprints" and "New Dimensions" programs heard regularly on the station, and Mel Johnson, host of the radio program "Tips for Teens." Both radio personalities participated in the live programming throughout the SHARATHON.

Station manager, Jim Schweickart, reported that SHARATHON funds will comprise approximately three-quarters of the annual operating budget.

### Sixteen Students Receive Scholarships



1982-82 Scholarship Recipients

Sixteen students received monetary scholarships during Scholarship Chapel held February 2 in Founders Auditorium.

The Roy Meyer Scholarship, given to a junior or senior man who displays the Christian character exhibited by the late Roy Meyer, was awarded to Mark Mikel, a senior majoring in biblical studies.

Three students were recipients of the Theodore Hirschy Scholarship: Ruth Erdel, junior; Marcus Warner, senior; and Susan

**Zimmerman**, senior. The Hirschy Scholarship is awarded to a child of a pastor or missionary who is preparing for a career in pastoral or missions service.

Martha Rupp, a senior majoring in elementary education, was awarded the Philip Scholarship on the potential of her ability to share her faith with others.

The Ira Gerig Scholarship was given to senior **Deborah Springer**. The award is given to a student who has a positive commitment to active discipleship and an appreciation for the use of music in worship and witness.

Mary Ann Kistler, a senior in the missionary nursing program, was awarded the Jewel Ache Scholarship. The award is given to a junior or senior who evidences purpose toward missions.

The Hogue Scholarship was given to Jackie Huggins, junior and Rich Morley, junior. The candidates for this scholarship must be a junior or senior preparing for full-time Christian service.

Chris Brown, a sophomore, was awarded the Poorman Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a student enrolled in the pastoral ministries or missions program and is committed to a career in full-time Christian service.

The Arman Steiner Scholarship, given to a student who is preparing to serve as a missionary or minister, was given to **David Hughes**, a senior in the pastoral ministries program.

The FWBC Ladies' Auxiliary Scholarship is awarded to students on the basis of spiritual growth and consistent Christian testimony, academic achievement, special ability and outstanding traits of personality. This year's recipients were Rodney Schuler, senior; Craig Vincent, junior; Julie Waggoner, junior; and Marla Murray, sophomore.

Hal Lehman, a junior majoring in missions, received the Kenton Gerig Scholarship on the basis of his Christian character and leadership ability.

### From the Director



Rev. Howard Dunlap Alumni Director

Dear Alumni:

It seems like the first breath of spring. The temperature is above 32 degrees and the sun is shining.

This reminds me that it is only a short time until the Alumni Banquet. May 7 is the day and the time is 5:00 p.m. for Fellowship Hour, 6:00 p.m. for the banquet meal and 8:00 p.m. is the program in the chapel. God has endowed the senior class with an unusual amount of gifts. We have asked them to share their talents in the program. The band and the chorale will also have a part and we will have a college update by Dr. Bostrom. Senior awards will be given. It will be a great evening!

Rev. Cyril Eicher and the class of 1932 will be meeting for a luncheon at 12:30. The class of 1972 is meeting at 5:00 in the library room at the First Missionary Church. We are looking forward to seeing you and sharing with you on May 7.

In other areas of the Alumni Department, we are in the midst of planning area rallies. If you are in the following areas look for the rally closest to you and plan to attend.

Columbus, Ohio May 12
Claremont, California May 15
Thousand Oaks Area,
California May 20
Phoenix, Arizona May 22
Phonathon

On our planning board is our 2nd annual PHONATHON to be held May 17, 18, 20, 24, 25 and 27. All across our nation alumni will be called. Twenty thousand dollars in

alumni scholarships is our goal. Details will be coming soon.

On Wednesday, January 13 during Sharathon, your alumni director was on the radio with Char Binkley from 5:00 · 6:00. Area alumni called in during this hour and pledged \$2,550. This support for the radio station WBCL is greatly appreciated. Each year the alumni director will be on from 5:00 · 6:00 on Wednesdays, so if you care to contribute to WBCL this would be a good time to call.

Pray with us for North Central Accreditation by March of 1983. We are in the selfstudy process. Your support financially will aid us greatly in this.

l appreciate your faithfulness. We welcome your input. Call me or come visit me in Witmer Hall, room 304.

### Calendar of Events

MARCH: 23 General Student Recital 8:00 p.m.

26 Meeting of Governing Board 9:00 a.m. Faculty/Staff Board Dinner 6:00 p.m. Chorale Home Concert 8:00 p.m.

30-31 Pre-registration for Post Session

APRIL: 2, 3, 4 YOUTH CONFERENCE

9 Good Friday

11 Easter

12-13 Contemporary Issues Series

17 Home Band Concert 8:00 p.m.

20 General Student Recital 8:00 p.m.

22-23 Clyde Taylor Lecture Series

23 Ladies' Auxiliary "Spring Housewalk"

30 Baccalaureate 10:00 a.m.

6 End of Semester 3:00 p.m.

7 Alumni Banquet 6:00 p.m.

8 Commencement 10:00 a.m.

9 Dorms Close 6:00 p.m.

# Alumni Activities

What YOU do is news to other FWBC alumni. Complete, clip, and mail this form to the Alumni Office, Ft. Wayne Bible College, 1025 W. Rudisill Blvd, Ft. Wayne, IN 46807

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### Weddings

Owen ('75) and Marilyn (Jones) Comelius: October 3, 1981

Kerry ('80-'81) and Jil (Bedor) Kistler: December 27, 1981 at the Adams United Methodist Church, Adams, New York.

John and Jane (Stoller: 77) Schoff: November 28, 1981 at the Evangelical Free Church in Wheaton, IL.

Allen (current) and Sally (Harrell) Sudmann: December 19 at the Union Church, Huntington, IN.

Frank E. ('80) and Glenna Jean (Cairl-'80) Tipton: December 5, 1981, at the Harvester Avenue Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, IN.

### With The Lord

Miss Elda Amstutz ('21) was residing at Swiss Village in Beme, IN when she passed away in October of 1981. Miss Amstutz completed her training at Fort Wayne Bible Training School, took a post-graduate course at the Missionary Training School in Nyack, New York, and was appointed to serve at the Ramabai Mukti Mission in India in 1927. In 1941 she was interred by the Japanese for more than three years. Following her rescue she spent a year in recuperation, then returned to India for further service. She finally retired in 1964 after 37 years of faithful ministry.

Mrs. Clarence (Mary Frantz-'54) Birkey 7227 Penrose Dr., Fort Wayne, IN. Passed away January 10, 1982.

Mrs. Jacob (Sadie Bontrager-'25) Grabill, died in the Fall of 1981. Had been residing in Sarasota, FL.

Mrs. Cecil (Louise Kuhnle-'11-'12) Cooke, Detroit, Ml, passed away in the Fall of 1981.

Wendall Doerfiler ('40'41) died on October 27, 1981 in an automobile accident near Frankfort, IN. Wendall's wife, Marjorie (Chamberlin '40'41) was seriously injured in the accident.

Myrle Gaskill ('23) Hudson, Ml. Died in the Fall of 1981.

Miss Mary Haller ('56 & '60), who had been residing in Colorado Spring, CO has gone to be with the Lord.

Rev. Lawrence V. Runyon ('38-'39) went to be with the Lord in September, 1981, at the age of 67. He was pastor at Sturgis, MI. Funeral services were held in Bronson, MI, where he served as pastor of the Pleasant Hill Missionary Church for nine years, 1963-1972.

Dr. Henry Tropf ('16) who had been living in Deland, FL and just recently in Toledo, OH, has recently gone to his heavenly home. His wife preceded him in death.

### Class Notes

Aimee (Vernon, '27) and Burl Crowe are residing in Clearwater, Florida. Aimee travels with and is a support to her husband as he is an evangelist with the Wesleyan Conference.

Donald Rohrs ('48) and wife Faythe (Ringenberg.'47&'50) live in York, PA. Don is superintendent of the Eastern District of the Missionary Church and are involved in seeking out locations to start new Missionary Churches.

Henry ('58) and Gail (Gardner, att. '55-'56) Smith are residing in Rhodes, MI, where Henry has been pastoring the Rhoades Missionary Church since July 1981. They report that "God is blessing!"

Donald ('62') and Carolyn (Perry, '61) Gerig are serving the Lord at Calvary Memorial Church, Oak Park, IL, where Donald is senior pastor. Donald recently had a book published by Regal Books entitled, "Leadership in Crisis." It is a paperback now available in bookstores around the country.

Franklin Graber ('58-'63) is pastoring the Attica United Methodist Church of Attica, KS. Franklin's wife, Linda Lou, is a private music teacher. The Grabers have five children.

David ('65) and Karen (Clawson, '65) Swineheart and family are serving God in Agana, Guarn. David is the pastor of Barview Baptist Church, Acting-Servicemen's Center Director, and a student of Hebrew. Karen is working on her master's degree in reading education and teaches kindergarten.

Rev. Niles Kageyama ('66) has been elected district superintendent of the Missionary Church in Hawaii. He continues to pastor the Hilo Missionary Church. The Kageyamas have twin sons.

Peggy (Sudenga, '66-'68) Monkemeier and husband, James, are living in Houston, TX, where they have owned their own swimming pool company for nine and a half years. They have three children, Steve, Dannielle and Michelle.

James ('66) and Patricia (Mayo, '67) Welty live in Atlanta, GA. They have two children, Lisa 13, and Brad 9. Jim was recently appointed president of the Garr Corporation which is a management consulting firm specializing in programs to increase productivity for retailers. Jim had been vice president of the firm since 1978. Jim and Pat are active in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Marietta, GA.

David ('68) and Carol (Fields, att. '72-'73) Brown and their three daughters completed their furlough in the U.S. and returned to Salta, Argentina in January.

Ruth (Habrial, '68-'69) and Dave Schappel are preparing for Language School in August. They are currently leading their own Mini-Church at Fellowship Bible Church in Dallas, TX, where they live.

Randy and Connie Jo (Burkholder, att.

'69-'71) Harris are home missionaries with Missionary Tech Team in Longview, TX. Randy is a draftsman while Connie is a housewife and secretary. The Harrises have two children: Dayna Jo, 4, and Megan Rae, 2.

Richard ('69) and Sandra Oswalt, ('69) Kelsey and their four children are living in LaPorte, IN. David has recently been named executive director of the Indiana Association of Christian Schools. He is still the administrator of Landmark Christian School of Michigan City, IN.

Harry ('70) and Lynette (Stamm, '65-'66) Hyde and family have returned to the Dominican Republic. During their furlough Harry received the Th.M. in Missions from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. In the D.R. Harry is the Missionary Coordinator and directs the program of Theological Education by Extension (TEE) there.

Lynette Schaffner ('70) is working at Children's Bible Hour, a world-wide radio ministry, located in Grand Rapids, Ml. She is secretary to Uncle Charlie.

Cheryl (Warner, '71) and Dan Jore are busy in God's service in Brazil. They have begun to learn the Deni language. After learning the language they will teach math and reading in Deni.

Rodney and Ruth (Brenneman, att. '72-'73) Bell are both teachers and live in El Cajon, CA. Rodney teaches industrial arts and Ruth instructs drama at a large Christian high school.

Dave ('72, '73-'74 and '76) and Lolly (Drown) Erdel have started their missionary service in Ecuador, where both spent their childhoods with their missionary parents. Dave and Lolly are serving under the Missionary Church.

Steve ('71-'72) and Brenda (Warstler, '70-'71) Gilpin are living in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Steve is the music director at Avalon Missionary Church while Brenda is a teacher. They have two children, Heather and Brett

Bob ('72) and Joy (Merriam, '72) Peters and family are living in Orlando, FL. Bob is serving as pastor in a church extension project of the United Brethren in Christ denomination in the South Orlando area. The church is meeting in a funeral home, but they are looking forward to growth in numbers and a building of their own as the Lord leads.

Roberta Koehler ('73) is presently working as teacher/administrator for a Christian school associated with the School of Evangelism. Roberta is located in Springdale, AZ.

Gordon ('73) and Margaret (Stamm, '72) Schumacher and their three children have returned to the Dominican Republic. Gordon is currently administrator of the El Manatial Bookstore organization, four Christian bookstores in four cities of the D.R.

Ruth Keidel ('74-'75) has recently accepted the request of the Mennonite

Central Committee to extend her service one year. After a six-week vacation break in the U.S. this summer, Ruth will return to the M.C.C. office in Kinshasa to serve as secretary to the director of M.C.C. programs in Taire.

Owen Comelius ('75) and wife, Marilyn, are living in Linton, IN. Owen works at a retail grocery and is a part-time radio announcer. Marilyn is a teacher.

**Todd Habegger ('76)** is serving on the pastoral staff at Lakeview Church, Zion, IL. He was ordained in June of 1981. At Lakeview he is serving as associate minister and director of Christian Education and evangelism explosion.

Debra (Buchanan, att. '76-'77) Owen is living in Rantoul, IL. Her husband, Mark, is a senior airman in the U.S. Air Force. They have two sons, Mark Allen and Robert Lawrence.

Marsha (Rohrs, '76) Ritchart and husband, Ed, are residing in Salem, OR. The Ritcharts are presently traveling as road managers for the group called "Master's Touch." After the group ends in June, Marsha will work while Ed goes to school to study in the field of electronics.

David ('77) and Patricia (Guth, '75) Getz and their two daughters live in Peoria, IL. David is a salesman and Patricia is a housewife.

John and Jane (Stoller, '77) Schoff are residing in Hoffman Estates, IL. They are active at Willow Creek Community Church. John is a meeting and convention planner for a Chicago trade association while Jane is a family therapist at Proviso Family Service in Melrose Park, IL.

Janet (Dubs, '76) Weir and husband, Robert, have been serving for three years as missionaries with Worldteam in Aux Cayes, Haiti. Robert works as radio engineer with the mission's radio station while Janet serves as nurse at a medical clinic several days a week.

Debbie (Redding, '78) and Charles Smith are serving with TEEN CHAL-LENGE in High Ridge, Missouri. Charles serves as counselor and Debbie as secretary. They have one son, Aaron Dale.

Alan ('78) and Kimberly (Wills, '78) Yerke accepted the pastorate at Elkton Missionary Church of Elkton, Ml. Alan graduated from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in June of 1981.

Rev. Bruce Linhart ('79) is now pastoring at Wauseon, OH. Bruce, Joyce, and their three children moved from Bluffton, IN, after serving at the Epworth United Methodist Church for five years.

Douglas Lightcap ('80) has joined the staff of the Fort Wayne Child Evangelism Fellowship. Doug began his duties as assistant to the director the first of January.

Calvin ('81) and Susan (Patrick, '81) Rychener are residing in Morton, IL. Calvin is serving a one-year internship ministry at Grace EMC in Morton.

### Teaching Opportunities

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### Job Hunting

The following churches and organizations have written to the Placement Office indicating openings in the following positions. If you would like further information about these openings, write the Placement Office and refer to the code number.

Full Time Pastor. Mount Pleasant Church. Van Wert, OH. A-3

Full Time Youth Pastor. Calvary Evangelical Church. Van Wert, OH. C-1

Full Time Youth/Christian Education Pastor. Union Chapel Missionary Church. Lima, OH. C-2

Youth Workers. Youth Evangelism Association. Bath, NY. C-3

Part Time Youth Director. Trinity United Methodist Church. Van Wert, OH. C4

Part Time Youth Director. LaGrange Missionary Church. LaGrange, IN. C-5

Full Time Youth Director. The Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church. St. Louis, MO. C-7

**Musicians.** Continental Ministries. Thousand Oaks, CA. E-2

Full Time Staff & Summer Team Leader. Teen Missions International. Merritt Island, FL. F-6

**Executive Director.** Shelby County Youth Shelter Care, Inc. Shelbyville, IN. H-9

Boys Dorm Counselor. Sunshine Bible Academy. Miller, SD. H-22

Full Time Child Care Worker. Marsh Foundation Home and School. Van Wert, OH. H-23

Evangelistic Outreach in New York and Chicago. Jews for Jesus. New York, NY. J-2

**Summer Youth Intern.** Memorial Presbyterian Church. Hyattsville, MD. J-3

**Summer Children's Ministries Intern.** Friends Church. Ventura, CA. J-4

Asst. Director & Backpacking Shop Manager. Voice of the Wilderness. Houston, TX. K-3

**Staff.** Worldshakers for Christ, Inc. Tulsa, OK. K-8

### **New Arrivals**

Dennis ('74) and Marsha (Hainline-'75) Barta welcomed Abigail Joy on Thursday, December 3, 1981. Awaiting her birth was a sister, Christina.

Rodney and Ruth (Brenneman-'72-'73) Bell thank the Lord for a son, Jared Wayne, born Dec. 6. 1981.

David (current student) and Gwen (Warner-'78) DeSelm welcomed James David on Wed., February 10. He weighed 9 lb., 2 oz.

Martin ('77-'78) and Rebecca (Hawkins-'76-'78) Diller are enjoying Joseph Ryan who weighed in at 8 lb.,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  oz. on December 9, 1981.

Thomas ('75) and Joanne (Votaw-'76) Foltz, along with their son, Jonathon, age 4, welcomed Byron Leo, born October 6, 1981.

David ('77) and Patricia (Guth-'75) Getz are lovingly caring for Carrie Allison, born Jan. 20, 1982. This 8 lb., 2 oz. daughter was welcomed by a sister, Jennifer Erin, age 3.

Brad ('80) and Karol ('79) Gibson announce the birth of 6 lb., 2 oz. Rochelle Danea on January 5, 1982.

Robert ('75-'78, '80) and Geneva (Poorman-'76-'80) Gratcyk state "Each day our hearts are filled with joy since God sent this baby boy". His name is Joel Michael, born November 17, 1981, weighing 7 lb., 5 oz.

Todd ('76) and Marti (Zimmerman '77) Habegger welcome Kristin Kay, born November 20, 1981, joining her sister Erin Renee, 5 years of age.

John and Mary Dian (Cantrell-'65) Holovar are the joyful parents of Heather Joy, born Monday, January 4, 1982. This 5 lb., 9½ oz. bundle brings this expression from John and Mary, "This is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes."

Paul ('72) and Marian (Enders-'72) Keidel welcome Jayson on September 30, 1981. Marian and Paul are serving in Zaire, W. Africa.

David and Margaret (Shady-'65) Meek are thankful for a son, David Alvin II, born November 5, 1981.

John and Lori (Ehresman-'75-'76) Nelson and daughter Christian announce the birth of Lindsey Jo on October 4, 1981.

Mark and Debra (Buchanan-'76-'77) Owen and son Mark Allen welcome Robert Lawrence, born October 7, 1981.

Jay ('69) and Shirley (Mertz-'69) Platte are enjoying a son, Alexander Jay, born November 4, 1981. He was greeted by a brother, Ryan.

David and Ruth (Habrial-'68-'69) Schappel are happy with a son, David Paul, born April 20, 1982.

Peter ('74) and Ronda Strubhar are joined by an 8 lb., 3 oz. baby daughter, Valerie Ann, born January 29, 1982.

James and Nancy (Porter-'78) Walker welcomed their first child, Jenelle Leanne to their Glendale Heights, IL home on November 17, 1981.

### Leigh Book on Bible Study Published



Dr. Ronald Leigh, associate professor of Christian education at FWBC, poses with his recently published book, "Direct Bible Discovery." The book is designed as a college textbook but is useful to both students and church lay-leaders. "Direct Bible Discovery" is published by Broadman Press of Nashville, TN.

### "Let's Take a Walk"

Spring has officially arrived and what better way to take advantage of the new season than to take a walk . . . that is, a "Spring Housewalk!"

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Fort Wayne Bible College has set aside April 23 from 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for their first sponsored "Spring Housewalk." Months of preparation have gone into the day which is guaranteed to shake off those winter blues and give ladies fresh ideas to make the spring and summer months extra special.

### Six Homes on Tour

The special event will give many women the opportunity to take a refreshing walk through six lovely homes on the southside of Fort Wayne. All the houses will be wearing their "spring best" for the occasion! Baked goods, plants, and crafts will be featured in various homes and will be available for purchase.

After walking through the homes, a light luncheon will be held at the Bible College followed by a delightful experience of enter-



1981-82 Women's Auxiliary Scholarship Winners — (I to r) Craig Vincent, Marla Murray, Julie Waggoner, Rod Schuler

taining fellowship in Founders Auditorium. To close out the day a time of dessert and visiting will be held (in the college cafeteria).

Ladies can enjoy the entire "Spring Housewalk" for only \$6.00! Proceeds will be used by the Ladies' Auxiliary for an improvement project at the Bible College. Past projects have included providing the drapes in Lexington Dorm and fumishing the lounges of Bethany and Schultz Dorms.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Betty Duke at 456-2782, or Mrs. Vicki Ling at 444-0623.

### **Donations Needed**

If you wish to donate crafts and baked goods for the "Spring Housewalk," you may drop them off at the Fort Wayne Bible College Bookstore to Mrs. Wesley Gerig. Items should be brought in by April 22.

The FWBC Ladies' Auxiliary is anticipating a great day! They hope to see you at their first "Spring Housewalk!"

### Wanted: Lost Alumni

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LaDonna Jeanne Barlow '43-'44 Cynthia Beech
Janell Benjamin
Karen L. Beukema
Frances Bowman
Walter Darby
Mrs. Marcus Duane Dye
(Juanita Ruth Zurcher) '79
Mrs. Mark Eckert '66-'68
Mrs. Ronald Figg
(Debbie Lanning) '73-'74
Mrs. George Gammon
(Juanita McAuley) '36-'38
Debbie Greenawalt
Clyde Hale
Perry ('72-'73) and Mrs. Perry (Beverly
Sue Pankuch) Keidel '72-'73
Larry ('63-'65) and Linda
(Long) Wahle
Mrs. Sara Jane Monroe '17
Christine Morgan
Cathy Lynn Munji
(Cathy Shelton)
Deborah L. Robinson '74-'76
Harry ('47-'50) and Mrs. Harry (Alice
Ervin) Sarver
Edwin ('41-'43) and
Esther (Huber) Zimbleman '41-'43
If you know the whereabouts of any
of the above, please notify the Alumni
Office.

Please remember to keep the alumni office updated concerning YOUR address changes as you move from place to place. You are important to us — and we would like to keep you informed.

### PHON-A-THON'82

May 17, 18, 20 and May 24, 25, 27

ALUMNI! Get ready for your call to action to support Christian education at Fort Wayne Bible College.

Please respond generously when an alumni volunteer calls you.

# **ALUMNI**



HONATHON

'82

Sponsored by the Fort Wayne Bible College Alumni Association



Dr. Gerber makes a point at one of the many workshops he conducts.

Small in stature, but a giant in God's ministry describes this issue's featured alumnus — Dr. Vergil Gerber.

A native of Fort Wayne and a 1935 graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College, Dr. Gerber's ministry has taken him throughout the world and in contact with thousands of men and women. But, becoming involved in missions was not what he had in mind as his life's ambition.

### A Budding Musician

As a young man, Vergil Gerber anticipated a future in music as his father who instructed music at Fort Wayne Bible College for 45 years. "I remember playing for my father's pupils and making plans to follow in my father's footsteps."

After graduating from Fort Wayne Bible College, Vergil went on to Taylor University where he received the Bachelor of Music degree. From Taylor he enrolled in Harvard to do resident work. After awhile he sensed a disatisfaction and came to the realization that music was not his first love.

Leaving Harvard and the intense study of music, he became a buyer for the Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit where he exhibited his talents of promotion and administration. While at the Hudson company, he took part in a daily Christian radio program sponsored by the Zoller Gospel Tabernacle. "I directed the program's music and worked with many singing ensembles along with noted musicians such as Bev Shea. It was out of the radio program that I felt the Lord was calling me into the ministry."

### Was Once A Pastor

Preparing for God's service, Vergil attended Northern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned the Bachelor of Divinity. In 1966 he received the honorary Master of Divinity degree from Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary of Denver. After pastoring a couple of churches he decided it was time to visit the mission field "just to see" what was taking place. He visited the jungles of Ecuador and it was the beginning of his foreign field service. Since 1948 he has served under the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society as a missionary to Argentina, Costa Rica and Mexico.

As mentioned earlier, God has not only blessed our alumnus with the talent of ministering, but also with promotional and

# Vergil Gerber: A Giant For God

administrative abilities. These strong characteristics were instrumental as he pioneered and served as Executive Secretary of a cooperative literature program for Latin America known as LEAL (Evangelical Literature for Latin America). He also originated a Spanish magazine entitled VERBO. The magazine was used to stimulate the Spanish people to become involved in personal evangelism.

Again, because of his leadership, he was asked to coordinate the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission. The Congress, sponsored by the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association (IFMA) and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association (EFMA), brought some 1,000 mission and church leaders together at Wheaton College in 1966 to discuss the church's mission in the world.

### Mission Information Lacking

A concern that was voiced at the Congress was the lack of information available dealing with the current events of missions around the world. The Evangelical Missions Quarterly, a journal of mission thought, was not adequate by itself. As an answer to this dilemma the Evangelical Missions Information Service (EMIS) was officially established with Dr. Gerber being appointed as the Executive Director. The goal of the organization was and is today to be a news service to keep every level of missions leaders abreast of the fast changing world.

In June of 1981, Dr. Gerber semi-retired and stepped down from the Executive Director position. He now serves as Director of Ministries for EMIS.

### Church Growth A Big Concern

While Dr. Gerber was directing the operation of the EMIS, he was also experiencing a deep concern for evangelism and church growth. Crusades were being held around the world, but the after effects were lacking. Churches were not growing.

Taking action, Dr. Gerber and his good friend, Peter Wagner, designed a three-day workshop on evangelism and church growth. The first workshop was held in Venezuela and the results were breathtaking. The Orienoco River Mission, one of at least 15 mission agencies and denominations who attended the workshop, established nineteen new churches within a year of the workshop. Workshop participants went back to their people and started taking on goals and stepping out in faith!

Soon invitations to hold the workshop were received from all areas of the world. Since 1972 Dr. Gerber has conducted 84 workshops in 51 nations.

What does the future hold for a man like Dr. Vergil Gerber? Because of health reasons he has been advised to slow down and as a result has had to cancel workshop invitations for the next two years. Much of his time will now be devoted to writing.

Books that he has already authored are MISSIONS IN CREATIVE TENSIONS, GOD'S WAY TO KEEP A CHURCH GOING AND GROWING, which is in its eighth English edition and is printed in at least 46 languages, and DISCIPLING THROUGH THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BY FXTENSION

Dr. Gerber is also looking forward to taking an active part in a new church work, First Baptist Church of Hanover Park. The work is a daughter church of First Baptist Church of Wheaton, IL. He relates, "It is so exciting to be part of a church growing experience. What a reward to see this small body grow and step out in faith." The Hanover Park Church held its first public service on February 28, 1982.

Beyond a doubt, our featured alumnus has had a lasting impact on thousands of lives. Some have even called him the 'superstar of missions.' Fort Wayne Bible College considers Dr. Vergil Gerber truly a giant in God's ministry.

# BC Family Helps To Fight Flood of '82

It will long be remembered as the "flood of '82 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

For several hundred students, staff, and faculty at FWBC, the March floods which ravaged a sizable portion of the city and forced almost 9,000 persons to evacuate their homes, will be remembered as a time of witness and bone-tiring work. BC students as a group, and often singly, could be found filling sandbags in the wee small hours of the morning, or tossing the 50-pound bags of sand atop dikes along one of the community's flooding three rivers. Others were involved in the collection and distribution of food and clothing as volunteers with the Salvation Army.

All week long, from the beginning of the flood emergency on March 14, students, staff, and faculty were volunteering for the flood relief effort. On Thursday, March 18,



BC students gather at the Allen County Coliseum to await their tour of duty. (con't. on p. 14)

# Alumni Missionary Honor Roll

The Alumni Missionary Honor Roll is a list of Fort Wayne Bible College alumni who have or currently are serving as missionaries. To qualify for the Honor Roll, the person must be an FWBC alumni and serve at least one year of missionary service in a foreign field. If you meet the qualifications or know of someone who does, but are not on the Honor Roll, please notify the FWBC Alumni Office so they can update the Roll. Alumni are listed under the year they graduated or left FWBC.

(continued from the Fall issue of PULSE/LIFELINES)

### 1968

Logan, Mrs. Phil Miller, Mrs. Clarice Nichols, Bernice Sevall, Jon Steiner, Bliss

### 1969

Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Corrie, Miss Barbara Crawfis, Warren Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Max Fox, Miss Connie Head, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McFarland, Mrs. Lillian Myers, Mrs. David Ringenberg, Roger Ross, Mrs. John Schappel, Mrs. David Steele, Mrs. Arden Wagner, Mrs. Daniel Weber, Miss Jacqueline Worden, Miss Nancy

### 1970

Andrea, Miss Mary Brunk, Mrs. Timothy Clay, Mrs. David Davis, Ronald Hyde, Harry Liechty, Lester Peterson, Mrs. John R. Reeck, Roger - Mexico Whiteman, Mrs. Bruce Wikoff. Miss Patricia

### 1971

Aamodt, Otto
Aldrich, Mrs. Steve
Allen, Mrs. Wayne
Cressman, Miss Esther
Gerig, Miss Lowena
Jore, Mrs. Daniel
Leismer, Miss Judy
Lemmon, John
Lyne, Mrs. William
Ramsey, Randy
Reeck, Mrs. Roger
Sindlinger, Daniel
Skitch, Miss Donna

### 1972

Brown, Miss Cheryl Buss, Miss Martha Chamberlin, Miss Kathleen Ehmann, Mrs. Albert Ewert, Miss Sheryl Haberkamp, Rick Keidel, Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Runyon, Mrs. Paul Schumacher, Mrs. Gordon Shank, Thomas Whiteman, Bruce Zuercher, Steven

### 1973

Brown, Mrs. David Canner, Miss Patti Clay, David Edwards, Miss Sunny Sue Hashimoto, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Logan, Miss Cheryl Reffey, Victor L. Schumacher, Gordon Unangst, Wayne

### 1974

Doud, Mrs. Dennis Nickel, Miss Janet Petersen, John R. Sassaman, Miss Norma

### 1975

Allen, Wayne Amstutz, Mrs. Leon Keidel, Miss Ruth Unangst, Mrs. Wayne

### 1976

Doud, Dennis Dubs, Miss Janet Lamb, Miss Shelia Rurup, Mrs. Darren

### 1977

Buckles, Miss Sandra Kay Colestock, Miss Gwynne Costa, Miss Neysa Johnson, Miss Flossie Roper, Miss Garnet Snider, Miss Ruth Zbinden, Miss Peggy Zimmerman, Miss Susan

### 1978

Blosser, Mark Moore, Miss Robyn Penn, Miss Barbara

### 1979

Blosser, Mrs. Mark Kizer, Melvin Zurcher, Miss Janita Ruth

### 1981

Erdel, David Hughes, Harold Max

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(con't. from p. 13) day classes were dismissed in order that the greatest number of people could be made available to help.

The tragedy also struck within the BC family when the home of Dr. Jay Platte was flooded while Dr. Platte was touring with the college Chorale and his wife, Shirley, was visiting relatives in Illinois. Quick work by volunteers from the college and from the First Missionary Church saved most of the furnishings. The Platte's and their two children were relocated to the Brown Gables home on Campus until such time as he could safely return to his residence. Another evacuee was Dr. Grant Hoatson who, along with his family and a couple of friends, survived a dangerous situation upon returning to their home after the flood waters receded. Dangerous carbon monoxide fumes, reportedly coming from a space heater that had been turned back on, almost overcame them. A quick trip to the hospital for oxygen averted tragic consequences.

During the flood emergency, the college maintenance building was used as a depot for the collection of food and clothing and the radio station, WBCL, continued to issue appeals for needed items and volunteers as well as assisting in the establishment of collection depots in outlying areas.

Fort Wayne was flooded also with national media attention during the crisis, including an interview with Dr. Platte and staff members of WBCL by the CBN TV network. The interview was broadcast over CBN on Monday, March 22.

When asked to reflect on their experience during the flood crisis, many of the BC volunteers commented on the genuine spirit of cooperation and the blessing they received through the opporutnity to serve others.

For now, the flood crisis is over but the real work of restoring lives is just beginning. Prayer is needed for the displaced families with interrupted lives who must now pickup the pieces.

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